

UPCOMING TRAINING AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

Provider	Course / Conference Title	Date(s)	Location	Themes / Subjects Covered
PLSA	Investment Conference	11 March – 13 March 2025	EICC, Edinburgh	<p>Join the PLSA Investment Conference in Edinburgh, 11-13 March 2025, as we bring together leaders from pension funds, asset managers, investment banks, consultants, and Government to focus on investment returns and economic growth.</p> <p>As Government policy begins to take shape, a two-part Pensions Review progresses, and institutional investors look for the right opportunities to invest retirement savings, this is the forum to discuss sector challenges and practical solutions.</p>
PLSA	Local Authority Conference 2025	16 June - 18 June 2025	Wyboston Lakes, Bedfordshire	The PLSA's Local Authority Conference 2025 is now open for early bookings. The event will take place at a brand-new venue: Wyboston Lakes in Bedfordshire. With its more accessible location, larger and more modern facilities, and a range of amenities, we believe this move will provide even greater value for delegates as we bring together everyone involved in the LGPS.
PLSA	Annual Conference 2025	14 October to 16 October 2025	Central Manchester (venue tbc)	The UK's largest conference for the pensions industry returns to Manchester in October 2025. We will bring you a programme covering the issues that matter most across DB, DC, master trusts and the LGPS, thought-provoking speakers from business, the media and academia, and opportunities to make connections with professionals from across pensions.

LGA Fundamentals training 2025

There are a few places left on the Fundamentals training programme, which starts in October. LGA are running the training in person in two locations (London and York) and separately online.

Fundamentals is a three-day training course aimed at councillors and other who attend pension committees/panels and local pension boards. Attending all three days will help delegates meet the required knowledge, skills and understanding. All sessions are delivered by experts in their field. The event also provides delegates with valuable networking opportunities.

Hymans Robertson package (Aspire) of on-line training can now be utilised by Members - "bite-size" sessions that can be dipped in and out of at Members convenience. There are now two packages available with package two being the most up to date version. The training modules are as follows:-

- 1: Introduction to the LGPS - Stakeholders; local arrangements for committees, boards, officers and advisers; regulatory framework.
- 2: Governance and oversight - Legislation and guidance; policy documents; roles and responsibilities of committees and board members; Code of Practice 14; pensions administration overview; Government oversight bodies; business plans.
- 3: Administration and fund management - Pension benefits and contributions; service delivery; administration and communication strategies and policy documents and processes; annual report and accounts; procurements.
- 4: Funding and actuarial matters - Role of the actuary; the funding strategy; valuations; employer issues; actuarial assumptions.
- 5: Investments - Investment strategy, asset class characteristics and investment markets; pooling investments; monitoring performance of investments and advisers; responsible investment.
- 6: Current issues - LGPS reform; McCloud; Goodwin; cost sharing.